

selecting from an instruction set comprising inspection sites covered by 49 C.F.R. § 180.509, SSIP, and Rule 88.B.2, a comprehensive list of sites to be inspected for the selected type of vehicle;

inspecting each of the listed sites in accord with the instructions set forth for each of the listed sites in the instruction set; and

recording data derived from implementation of the inspections conducted at each of said exhaustive list of sites,

wherein said comprehensive list of sites to be inspected comprises a plurality of inspection sites selected from at least two of 49 C.F.R. § 180.509, SSIP, and Rule 88.B.2, and

wherein said comprehensive list of sites to be inspected is selected so as to align inspections for said at least two of 49 C.F.R. § 180.509, SSIP, and Rule 88.B.2.

4. For a wheeled vehicle adapted to transport commodities, an inspection and requalification method in accord with claim 1, wherein the inspecting step includes a visual inspection of the tank shell interior and exterior; piping, valves, fittings and gaskets; brake rigging, safety appliances, draft system, valves and fittings; closures and protective housings on the tank car; and all required markings on the tank car.

17. An inspection and requalification procedure for a wheeled vehicle adapted to transport commodities, comprising: compiling (a) a list of vehicle types consisting of regulated tank cars and non-regulated tank cars, (b) a list of sites to be inspected, for each type and structure of the vehicle, and (c) a list of inspection procedures for each of the listed sites; and producing therefrom a report list for recording data derived from implementation of the tests

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conducted at each of said exhaustive list of sites, wherein the list of sites comprise a plurality of inspection sites selected from at least two of 49 C.F.R. § 180.509, SSIP, and Rule 88.B.2, and wherein said plurality of inspection sites to be inspected is selected so as to align inspections for said at least two of 49 C.F.R. § 180.509, SSIP, and Rule 88.B.2.

20. An inspection and requalification procedure for a wheeled vehicle adapted to transport commodities, in accord with claim 17, wherein the list of sites comprises:

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at least one pad-to-tank weld,
at least one sill-to-pad weld,
at least one bolster-to-bolster pad weld,
at least one BOV saddle weld,
at least one sump weld,
at least one BOV skid weld,
at least one attachment weld; and
at least one draft pocket weld.

REMARKS

THE 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH REJECTION

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. This rejection was premised upon the language "exhaustive list of sites to be inspected" (claims 1 and 17) and "instruction set" (claim 1). The claims have been amended to overcome this aspect of the rejection and reconsideration is requested.